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1 **Objection to the Specification**

2 The Specification is objected to as, in the view of the Office, failing to
3 provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. In particular, the
4 Office asserts that “clear support and antecedent basis is not found for the term ‘a
5 tangible computer-readable media’ in the specification...” (Page 2 of Office
6 action).

7 The Applicant believes that this objection has been fully addressed by way
8 of the amendments to the claims. For this reason, and in view of the arguments
9 made below in regard to the § 101 and § 112 rejections, the Applicant respectfully
10 requests that this objection be withdrawn. Specifically, the subject claims have
11 been amended to recite a “storage” media, support for which can be found in the
12 specification on pages 31-32.

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14 **§ 101 Rejections**

15 Claim 41 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because, in the Office’s
16 opinion, the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.
17 Specifically, the Office asserts that claim 41 is directed to “computer readable
18 media including modulated data signals”.

19 Claim 41 has been amended to recite “computer readable storage media”,
20 thus replacing the rejected language. The Examiner indicated that this would
21 traverse the rejection.

1 **§ 112 Rejections**

2 Claim 41 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for, in
3 the Office's opinion, being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and
4 distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
5 Applicant submits that, in view of the amendment above, the Office's rejection is
6 traversed.

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8 **§ 103 Rejections**

9 Claims 1, 5-11, 15-18, 22-25, 29-33 and 37-44 stand rejected under 35
10 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,799,168 ("Ban"), in
11 view of U.S. Patent No. 6,725,321 ("Sinclair") in further view of U.S. Patent No.
12 5,875,478 to Blumenau.

13 Claims 3-4, 13-14, 19, 21, 26, 28, 34 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C.
14 § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ban in view of Sinclair, in further view of
15 U.S. Patent No. 6,493,807 ("Martwick").

16 Claims 1, 5-11, 15-18, 22-25, 29-33 and 37-44 stand rejected under 35
17 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ban in view of Sinclair, in further view
18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,253,281 ("Hall") and Blumenau.

19 Claims 3-4, 13-14, 19, 21, 26, 28, 34 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C.
20 § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ban in view Sinclair and Hall, in further view
21 of Martwick and Blumenau.

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23 **Claim Amendments**

24 Many of the independent claims in this case have been amended to recite
25 the notion that the flash medium logic is programmable to permit users to match

1 particular flash medium requirements of a specific manufacturer. Support for this
2 subject matter can be found, among other places, on page 11, lines 8-17 of the
3 specification.

4 As discussed during the interview with the Examiner, Applicant did not
5 find this subject matter disclosed or taught in the references of record. As such,
6 Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are allowable over the references of
7 record.

8 9 **Conclusion**

10 The Applicant asserts that the pending claims 1, 3-11, 13-19, 21-26, 28-34
11 and 36-52 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests a
12 Notice of Allowability be issued forthwith. If the Office's next anticipated action
13 is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice of Allowability, Applicant
14 respectfully requests a telephone call for the purpose of scheduling an interview.

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16 Respectfully submitted,

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